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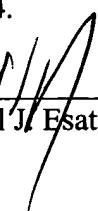
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 2001-285607, dated October 12, 2001; and
4. Japanese Unexamined patent Application No. 10-308867, dated November 17, 1998.

The references were cited in an Office Action dated April 20, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

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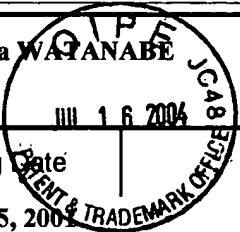
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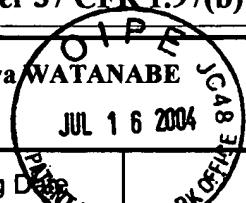
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